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IMPROVEMENT IN LUNCH AND BAGGAGE CHECKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERVEY M. RICHARDS, of North Attleborough, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Lunch and Baggage Check; and I do hereby declare that the following specification, taken in connection with the drawing making a part of the same, is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

The drawing shows my invention.

The object of my invention is to produce a metal check for lunch-counters and for checking baggage, which can be made without great expense, and at the same time be easily and clearly seen by the eye.

The checks now in use are not only manufactured at a great expense, but often have the words and figures thereon so indistinct that errors frequently occur in reading the amount in the one case or the destination of the baggage in the other.

In my invention I stamp the check from what is known as "homogeneous steel" in such a manner that the letters and figures thereon, together with a narrow rim, will be raised above the general surface of the check. The rim and the letters and figures are then nickel-

plated, while the remaining surface is covered with black enamel.

It will now be readily seen that the words and figures will be perfectly clear, and that the liability of misreading will be materially diminished.

In using the homogeneous steel I am enabled to make a thin light check, and have it of the requisite stiffness.

Upon the reverse of the check any desired advertisement may be displayed in the same manner.

I am aware that baggage checks and clasps have been made having raised letters and a painted background, and do not claim such construction; but

What I do claim is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a metal check provided with a raised nickel-coated rim, and having raised letters and figures nickel-coated on a ground of black enamel, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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